(d) if so, by what time a final decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) For every airport in the country, an airport-specific contingency plan to tackle any terror and natural disaster situations is in place. Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) periodically inspects the airports and updates their contingency plans,

(c) A contingency plan for the new Bangalore International Airport (BIA) has also been prepared in accordance with the Airport Service Manual and guidelines of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO). It has been approved by BCAS.

(d) In view of the above, does not arise.

Hike in Air Tariff

4154. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that most of the private airlines have increased their tariff including fuel surcharge during the last one year;

(b) if so, how many times the air fares and surcharge have been increased since 1 January, 2007, airlines-wise with the percentage of increase; and

(c) what steps Government proposes to take to appoint aviation regulator for the determination of passenger fares?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Domestic air fares are not being regulated by the Government. Domestic airlines are free to charge air fares as per the market forces.

Since January, 2007 till April, 2008, scheduled domestic airlines have revised fuel surcharge seven times, as per the details given below:

January 2007	Rs. 750/-		%
May 2007	Rs.900/-		20%
July 2007	Rs. 950/-		5.56%
August 2007	Rs. 1100/-		15^79%
October 2007	Rs. 1200/-		9.09%
November 2007	Rs. 1350/-		12.5%
December 2007	Rs. 1650/-		22.22%
April 2008	Rs. 1800/-	for sectors less than 750 km.	9.09%
	Rs. 2000/-	for sectors less than 750 km.	21.21%

(c) At present, there is no proposal in the Ministry to appoint Aviation Regulator for the regulating passenger fares.